

Busy Bees Preschool



Charity no; 1014692

Upcoming Events & Important dates

Friday 13th February

Last day of term 3

1st day of term 4;

Monday 23rd February



A positive approach to behaviour 😊

Along with this newsletter I have attached 'A positive approach to behaviour' leaflet which you may find useful. This is full of handy tips and strategies to support and encourage children to make good choices.

Over the course of the term your child's key person will share any effective strategies with you via the Tapestry app. and if you have any questions, please let us know.

Term 3 Newsletter; January 2026

Happy New Year to you all and I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. A special welcome to all our new families joining us this term.

We aim to ensure that your child has a positive experience during their time at Busy Bees and provide stimulating & challenging experiences that support their learning and development.

Settling in after the holidays

Please remember that the children have had a break away from the setting and many are new to the setting. Each child will settle in their own way and in their own time. Parents may come into the preschool when dropping your child off and please remember to say goodbye. Your child's key person or room leader will regularly keep you updated with how they are doing.

We also ask that you support your child's independence by encouraging them to hang their bags on their pegs and take their coats off etc. as children get a boost from doing things by themselves. For new families, you are welcome to phone/email to check how they are doing, and your child's key person may update you on Tapestry too!

NEW Jan 26- We kindly request that older siblings, regardless of whether drop off at 8:30 or 9:00 am, wait either outside the room or in the lobby accompanied by a staff member. This approach helps ensure that your child can settle in smoothly with minimal distractions. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter

NEW Jan 26- Book exchange. You will have seen the new book exchange just inside the wooden gates. Please feel free to take books home to share with your child at home. We will also welcome books from home too. Enjoy!

Staff updates

Gemma is now enjoying her maternity leave, I will keep you updated with any news! Kirsty has taken over as Key Person, supported by Emma, Deputy manager.

If you have any queries, please call 01722 328799 or email enquiries@busybeespreschool.org.uk

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General Information

Primary School applications for all children starting school Sept 2025,

If you have not done so already, please do this asap, you have until **midnight on 15th January**. It may be too late now to send a paper application however you can complete an online application

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-applying>

A few reminders...

- **Suitable shoes. Please ensure that your child wears suitable shoes such as trainers. Wearing wellies and slip on shoes can be a little unsafe when children are running around outside and using larger equipment.**
- **Please ensure your child is ready for the session and has everything they need including appropriate clothing for the weather, has eaten breakfast and have nappes/wipes (if appropriate) and a change of clothes too.**
- Lunchboxes- please don't be tempted to pack too much in children's lunch boxes, instead just pack a portion size that is suitable for lunch. We are seeing an increase in children that are overwhelmed by so much food or others that eat a little bit of everything and waste lots of food. Grapes need to be cut in half to avoid choking hazards. **NO NUTS**. Please remember that children have a snack in the morning and afternoon too. See the noticeboard for this terms snack menu.
- The 4 o'clock club and 8.30am early start can be used on an ad-hoc basis. If you need to use this service, then book in with either Nikki or Emma or email the setting to arrange this.
- Please inform us, by 9.30am, if your child is absent from preschool due to illness or any other reasons. You can either call us, leave an answerphone message or email.

Some lovely fun, educational websites to explore.

- www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize some great ideas and support for all ages, including early years
- www.hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk full of fun activities for 0-5's
- [Best Start in Life - Best Start in Life](#) lots of information about everything early years



To keep your 30 hours place check your details are up to date every 3 months.
gov.uk/childcareaccount

Childcare
Choices

HM Government

How you can help US

During your child's time at Busy Bees you will not be asked to pay for additional activities and experiences, however there are lots of ways you can support the preschool;

Donations

Snacks;

See the new menu for snack donations

Other items;

Paper, any kind

masking tape

Flour & salt (for play dough)

Boxes of tissues- we go through quite a few!

Thank you for your



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